



MS: PATENT APPLICATION

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Prior Application: S. HONMA et al  
Serial No. 09/606,050  
Filed: June 29, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2153  
Examiner: M. Winters  
For: COMPUTER SYSTEM HAVING A STORAGE AREA  
NETWORK AND METHOD OF HANDLING DATA  
IN THE COMPUTER SYSTEM



**REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

MS: Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/606,050, filed on June 29, 2000, entitled COMPUTER SYSTEM HAVING A STORAGE AREA NETWORK AND METHOD OF HANDLING DATA IN THE COMPUTER SYSTEM, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

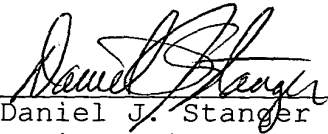
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CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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7. The prior application is assigned to HITACHI, LTD.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/606,050 as originally filed on June 29, 2000.

  
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